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REVIEWS.

American Advocacy. By Alexander H. Robbins, Editor of the *Central Law Journal*. Central Law Journal Co., St. Louis, 1904. Sheep, pages 295.

By reason of the thoroughness of his course of study and his ability to grasp widely and deeply the fundamental principles of legal science, the young practitioner may find himself at the outset of his career equipped with the essentials that go to make up a master in the law. But neither the curriculum of the school nor instruction in the office can inculcate in him those qualities which will assure him success as an advocate; these can come from experience alone. The purposes which this book serves are to bring the young attorney, who in all probability fails to appreciate it, to a realization of this fact and to enable him to profit by the lessons learned by others in the hard school of active practice. Though the author avowedly bases his work upon the English text of Mr. Richard Harris, he has skillfully pruned away all that is inapplicable to our judicial system and has ably expanded the residuum to cover those matters wherein our methods differ from those of England. It is easy to find excuse for the grounds of criticism that suggest themselves; it is obviously impossible in so short a work to deal in detail with all the questions that are pertinent; that the language is in places somewhat wanting in clearness is doubtless attributable to the nature of the subject; objection to the great number of metaphors resorted to is the expression of personal taste. Succinctly and comprehensively the book treats of the actual conduct of a case in and out of court, and of the ethical principles incident to legal practice. The young lawyer will do well, not casually to read it through, but to possess it, that he may, by repeated consultations, familiarize himself with its contents.

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Clark's Accident Law (Street Railways). Second Edition. By Ellery H. Clark of the Boston Bar. Keefe-Davidson Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1904. Sheep, pages 607.

A glance into almost any number of the New York Supplement will show a sufficiently convincing *raison d'être* for this edition of the Accident Law of Street Railways, which supplements Mr. Clark's work on the Street Railway Law of Massa-